

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-23 (cancelled).

24. (currently amended) A removable elastic positioning appliance comprising:

a shell having a hollow cavity shaped to receive and reposition teeth from a first orientation to a successive orientation, the shell having at least one protrusion disposed along an edge of the hollow cavity, which protrusion contacts at least one received tooth to assist in holding the appliance in position.

25. (original) An appliance as in claim 24, wherein the at least one protrusion is configured to contact an interdental area.

26. (original) An appliance as in claim 24, wherein the at least one protrusion is configured to contact a tooth along at least a portion of its gingival margin.

27. (original) An appliance as in claim 24, wherein the at least one protrusion comprises a continuous protrusion which is configured to contact one or more teeth along the gingival margin and interdental areas.

28. (original) An appliance as in claim 24, wherein the at least one protrusion is mountable on the appliance.